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1. Between 19 August and 8 September 1953, the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. At about 11 a.m. on 20 August, about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets received individual training at the drill ground. Four trucks, including two towing guns, presumably 76.2-mm guns, were seen nearby. On 23 August, 25 officers and 115 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport, artillery, tank, and signal insignia were seen at the drill ground. On 26 August, about 20 soldiers fired with a 120-mm mortar at the drill ground. On 28 August, eight six-wheel armored personnel carriers, occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, came from the direction of the barracks installation. On 2 September, about 120 troops received field training and practiced aiming; 12 soldiers received instruction on machine guns; 2 groups of soldiers practiced signaling with flags; and 2 groups of soldiers received instruction on aiming circles. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation.

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2. Between 16 and 28 August, the Flak Kaserne in Wurzen was occupied by an estimated 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. At 4:30 pm. on 16 August, 8 six-wheel armored personnel carriers, 1 truck towing a trailer with ammunition, 1 motorcycle, 1 radio truck, 3 trucks with field kitchens, 4 trucks towing guns, presumably 76.2-mm guns; and about 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen leaving the installation. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation.

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Comment. The elements of the 8th Gas Mocz Div stationed in Wurzen apparently were back at the post as early as August as was observed with the elements stationed in Grima. . Seventy boxcars carrying billeting equipment were unloaded in Wurzen by units of the division as early as 6 July. The train with shipment-record No 61345 which, on 10 September, went to Wurzen from Genthin tends to indicate that units from Wurzen participated in the command post exercise in the Mecklenburg area.

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